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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PACIFIC PDM SURVEY

REF: STATE 88836

1. IT REMAINS OUR VIEW THAT WE SHOULD BE SEEKING WAYS TO CONSOLIDATE AND REDUCE CLARK RATHER THAN BUILD IT UP. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED WAYS IN WHICH THIS MIGHT BE DONE WITHOUT IMPINGING UPON STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN A NEW DRAFT OPTION FOR PRM-14. THAT OPTION, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ASST. SEC. HOLBROOKE EARLIER THIS WEEK, WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS, MOVE CERTAIN MAC-RELATED RESPONSIBILITIES NOW AT CLARK TO GUAM. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE THAT THE PDM SURVEY TEAM SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONCENTRATE ITS SURVEY ON GUAM RATHER THAN CLARK DURING ITS PLANNED VISIT TO THE AREA. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE PROS AND CONS WITH THE TEAM HERE IF DESIRED.

2. WE DO SEE MERIT IN CAREFULLY STUDYING THE GENERAL

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FEASIBILITY OF MOVING TO CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES ALREADY AT CLARK. FILIPINOS ARE PARTICULARLY ADEPT AT PICKING UP SPECIALIZED MECHANICAL AND TECHNICAL SKILLS AND MOVING THEM INTO MORE OF THE OPERATIONS CURRENTLY AT CLARK SEEMS INEVITABLE AND IN OUR BEST LONG-TERM INTERESTS.

3. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ESTABLISHING NEW FACILITIES
AT CLARK, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE, WOULD SERVE OUR FUNDAMENTAL
INTEREST IN PARING DOWN MARGINAL OPERATIONS TO BETTER PRE-
SERVE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS.
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